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ROBERT FULTON. FROM THE PENCIL DRAWING BY JOHN VANDERLYN.

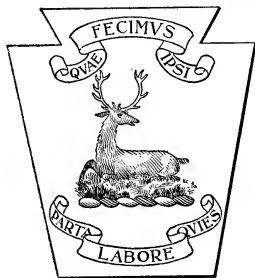
Executed by Vanderlyn at Joel Barlow's house in Paris, 50 rue
Vaugirard, where Fulton was living 1797-1804.

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Crary Sutcliffe's "Robert Fulton and the Clermont." New York, 1909.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHICH ARRANGED THE CELEBRATION HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 1909, AT THE BIRTHPLACE OF ROBERT FULTON TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF THE TRIP UP THE HUDSON RIVER OF FULTON'S STEAMBOAT, THE CLERMONT.

To the President, Officers and Members of the Lancaster County Historical Society:



We, the undersigned committee appointed to make arrangements for and hold the recent Robert Fulton Celebration in this County, respectfully report:

Nothing which the Lancaster County Historical Society has ever done will reflect more credit upon it nor invest it with greater glory than the centenary celebration of the successful ap-

plication of steam to ships by Robert Fulton, which was held at "Fulton House" in Lancaster County, on the 21st day of September, 1909. The action which brought about the celebration was in the form of a resolution passed at the meeting held in the Society's Rooms the first Friday of September, 1909. The Committee as finally appointed to take charge of the celebration consisted of D. F. Magee, Esq., Chairman, and the following members: W. M. Franklin, Esq., Secretary, A. K. Hostetter, Treasurer, H. Frank Eshleman, Esq., Dr. Joseph H. Dubbs, Rev. G. I. Browne, Hon. W. U. Hensel, Mr. George Steinman, Richard M. Reilly, Esq., Miss Martha B. Clark and Mrs. Mary N. Robinson. This committee was assisted by another committee made up of people of Southern Lancaster

County as follows: Joseph Swift, Frank C. Pyle, William F. McSparran, D. E. Helm, Esq., James M. Paxson, Frank Maxwell, William Shoemaker, James G. McSparran, Day Wood and L. R. Swift. The second named Committee was augmented by about one hundred of the leading people of the neighborhood as a local committee of reception, and to these bodies the success of the event must be attributed.

It was not foreseen when the resolution was passed that such wide-spread interest would be aroused and the celebration assume eminence and such proportions as it did. It surpassed all expectation and was beyond doubt the greatest celebration ever held in Lancaster County in honor of the achievements of any of her sons. The clear, cool day had very much to do with bringing out the immense throng which teemed about the old stone house in Fulton township where Robert Fulton was born, and in Pyle's meadow nearby, where tradition says that he loved to play as a boy by the banks of the beautiful Conowingo. The entire County quit its labors and flocked to this unique celebration. Two hours before the exercises began the swarms of people began to gather. They came by automobiles, buggies, carriages, railroad trains, on foot and one party came in an ox-cart. School children came in a large hay wagon drawn by six fine gray mules. Flags and bunting were everywhere displayed in profusion about the house and in the grove. At the latter place a splendid speakers' stand was erected in the shape and form of a steamboat in full sail; this was planned and constructive drawings made by Miss Mary T. Magee, the artist, of Lancaster, daughter of D. F. Magee. The meadow contains about fifteen acres and many grand old white oak trees, and through it flows the Conowingo creek. In addition to the speakers' stand and other equipments there was also a historical exhibit in charge of H. Frank Eshleman, Esq., across from the speakers' stand, the chief features of which are mentioned below. This exhibit was mounted on manila paper twenty-four feet long and forty inches wide, on a frame nailed to the trees. It contained

pictures and much of the history of Fulton's early life and of different events and places connected with his boyhood days and his mature years.

The Lancaster, Oxford and Southern Railroad took four trainloads of people, comprising thirteen coaches, to Fulton House; thousands went from the lower end of the county by team, scores made the distance on foot, and upwards of fifty automobiles took many more, until probably 4,000 people were on the grounds by noon, with the prospects of a still larger attendance at the afternoon's exercises, along the banks of the Conowingo.

The members of the Centenary Celebration Committee of the Lancaster County Historical Society, accompanied by the guests of honor, including Governor Stuart, ex-Governor Pen-nypacker and the Fulton descendants from New York and vicinity, arrived by automobile from Lancaster at 10:30 o'clock.

THE AUTOMOBILE PARTY.

About twenty-five automobiles left Lancaster for Fulton House, and they carried the following persons:

B. J. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Myers, George Steinman, Miss Martha B. Clark, Mrs. Blight, I. H. Weaver, Governor E. S. Stuart, Hon. Charles I. Landis, A. B. Weimer, B. C. Atlee, W. U. Hensel, William Riddle, Charles F. Crary, Joseph I. Doran, J. Guy Eshleman, Hon. E. G. Smith, James D. Landis, Mr. Dwinell, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Camman, John E. Snyder, Hon. A. B. Hassler, C. A. B. Zook, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. McClain, G. Ross Eshleman, George N. Reynolds, Wm. N. Appel, Mrs. Appel, Mr. and Mrs. Sutcliffe, Miss Crary, Miss Mary N. Robinson, Hon. J. Hay Brown, Miss Blanche Nevin, H. J. Steele, E. T. Fraim, George Hoffman, J. U. Fritchey, J. P. Breneman, Grove Locher, Mrs. Locher, Miss Grace Hershey, S. Clay Miller, Charles F. Hager, Mrs. Hager, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Camman, James Rose, Stanley Rose, Rev. and Mrs. George I. Browne, Robert Fulton Crary, Jr., Mrs. E.

C. Camman, Sr., Dr. Theodore B. Appel, Mrs. Appel, Charles H. Barr, Mrs. T. M. Rohrer, P. T. Watt, James Shand, C. D. Rood, George Crane, Dr. M. Ringwalt, Dr. Donald McCaskey, Hon. J. P. McCaskey.

FULTON DESCENDANTS PRESENT.

The following descendants of Fulton from New York and vicinity were present at the exercises:

Mrs. Robert Fulton Blight, widow of the son of Fulton's second child and daughter, Julia; Mrs. Amy Crary Sutcliffe (and her husband); Miss Alice Crary and Robert Fulton Crary, Jr., children of Rev. Dr. Robert Fulton Crary, who was a son of Cornelia, Fulton's third child and daughter; Mrs. Ella Cornelia Camman and her husband, Herman H. Camman, and her two sons, Edward C. Camman and H. Schuyler Camman, and wife (she was also a daughter of Cornelia Livingston Fulton Crary); and Mr. Charles Franklin Crary, a son of Cornelia.

CHAIRMAN MAGEE'S ARDUOUS WORK.

D. F. Magee, Esq., chairman of the committee of arrangements, had an arduous task assigned him by the Society; and in the course of the two or three intervening weeks fully organized his committee into sub-committees, and created the additional committees just named. His wide acquaintance and popularity in southern Lancaster County enabled him to bring into service mechanics to erect the speakers' stand and decorate the grounds, to secure an organization of ladies to prepare the dinner to feed the thousands (which they did most satisfactorily, at a very reasonable price), to make arrangements with trolleys and steam railroad companies for extra coaches and changed schedules. He had his committee hold two meetings a week in his office to perfect the arrangements for selecting a design and making and placing the

tablet, to communicate with the heads of the Hudson-Fulton Committee of New York, to secure speakers and other participants in the program, both literary and musical, and so perfectly were the details worked out and the wide scope of the work harmonized and carried out that at the close of the day it was truthfully said not a hitch nor a flaw had occurred in the plans. The program was completed on time and returning trains carried the crowds to their homes an hour ahead of the scheduled time. It was a great tribute to Mr. Magee's executive ability.

The Committee on Program were able to secure from Mr. Lloyd Mifflin two beautiful and appropriate sonnets to be read at the celebration; they also secured the attendance of, and addresses from, Governor Stuart and Ex-Governor Pennypacker of Pennsylvania; poems from W. F. McSparran and John Russell Hayes, and an address by George B. Johnson. They prepared, printed and published 1,100 copies of a beautifully printed and illustrated souvenir program, of which more than 600 copies were sold on the grounds at a nominal price, and with the proceeds an additional tablet made by Tiffany of New York, with a medallion portrait of Fulton, was purchased. Through the courtesy of the Century Publishing Company they were permitted to reprint on their program the Century's engraving of Vanderlyn's pencil drawing of Robert Fulton, which is now owned by Judge Peter D. Barlow of New York.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

MORNING SESSION, 10:30 A. M., AT "FULTON HOUSE."

Music	Oakryn Cornet Band
Dedicatory Prayer.....	Rev. Robert Lorenzo Clark
Chairman of Arrangements Committee	D. F. Magee
Presiding Officer	James G. McSparran
Music	Little Britain Orchestra
Presentation of Memorial tablet on behalf of Lancaster County Historical Society	Rev. George I. Browne

Unveiling of Tablet Mrs. Alice Crary Sutcliffe
 Great-granddaughter and Biographer of Robert Fulton
 Acceptance W. U. Hensel
 Poem W. F. McSparran
 Chorus—"The Star Spangled Banner."

LUNCHEON.

Exhibition of Fulton Portraits, Manuscripts, Drafts, Drawings, Title Deeds, Maps and Historical Mementoes. Collected, arranged and exhibited by H. Frank Eshleman, Esq.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M., AT SPEAKERS' STAND.

Chorus—"America."
 Address Governor E. S. Stuart
 Poem—"The Heaven-Gifted Boy"..... John Russell Hayes
 Music—"Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonny Doon."
 Address Geo. B. Johnson
 Sonnets Lloyd Mifflin
 Chorus—"Old Folks at Home."
 Addresses Ex-Gov. S. W. Pennypacker and others
 Closing Chorus—"Auld Lang Syne."

THE OPENING SPEECH.

Mr. Magee opened the exercises with the following speech:

Ladies and Gentlemen: I have been selected by the Lancaster County Historical Society to call this meeting to order and to inaugurate the exercises which are about to begin under such happy and favorable auspices. It seems fitting that I should be the connecting link, as it were, that should bring and bind together in strongest ties of friendship and fellowship the members of the Lancaster County Historical Society and you, good people of southern Lancaster County, for I am glad to be known as an active member of that society with wide acquaintance among its two hundred or more members, at home in Lancaster and with its members always; and yet

equally proud to be known and acknowledged as a son of the southern end where I am always at home and ever feel that I am with friends in every household here.

We have met here today to do honor to one of the noted sons of Little Britain and Fulton, and the immense throng that this moment faces me, ready to join with us in this great day's celebration, speaks volumes for the loyalty of our people to a worthy and deserving son of this thrice favored land; and in this high tribute you honor yourselves and your homes by showing that you know how to value and prize the great work of this master mind who was born on this spot one hundred and forty-four years ago.

It is doubly meet that we of his native County and State should be the first to come to place the palm of victory upon his brow and to weave immortelles about his memory, that it may ever live in this, the place of his birth, the home of his childhood.

Soon millions of our people in a state far distant from here, at other scenes of his life work, will gather to do him honor; and indeed all the world today is proclaiming the greatness of this honored son of Little Britain, "the gentle son of a Pennsylvania farmer."

They do well to proclaim him great and famous, not, it is true, as a great conqueror in war or hero of battle, but as greater than all of these, for he was the conqueror of the wind and the wave, his was the conquest of the seas, the hero of civilization, of commerce and the arts. The battles that he won are those that make for progress, the betterment, the uplift of man.

The trophies of his conquest encircle the world and are found in every sea that laves the shores of a civilized land.

Great is the conqueror we have come to proclaim, mighty was the man whose birth in our midst we commemorate today and mark in this royal manner, and well may we, of the southern end, of all Lancaster County, be proud that he was

one of our very own, and that the hills and valleys of this our home land knew him in his early days.

Other men and other minds are here today to speak to you of his greatness and his achievements and I will now leave the work to those that are waiting, and will introduce as the chairman to preside over the exercises today, James G. McSparran, one of your brightest and ablest citizens.

JAMES G. McSPARRAN'S ADDRESS.

Mr. James G. McSparran, of Furness, who was selected by the committee to preside for the day, then took charge of the meeting, delivering the following address:

Ladies and Gentlemen: My disposition would indeed be peculiar if I did not appreciate an honor such as this. Under ordinary circumstance and condition any mark of respect and confidence at the hands of my fellow-men is highly appreciated; but in a meeting such as this, so important on account of celebrating an event so striking and so rare, and under the auspices of such a society, as the Lancaster Historical Society, I regard it with double favor and return my sincere thanks for the honor conferred.

I do not purpose making an address of welcome. I simply would preface the few remarks I make, by extending, on behalf of the residents of southern Lancaster County, heartfelt greeting to the vast host of visitors and strangers who honor us by their presence. We are delighted to have you with us; make your demands, test us, try us and judge for yourselves whether or not we do not possess the characteristics of the genuine host and hostess. I trust I will not be accused of boasting, or egotism, when I assert that a more appropriate place, for more than one reason, could not possibly be found, anywhere, than in this particular section of southern Lancaster County, for a meeting such as this. To make history men must *do things*. If we would have things recorded *of us* we must do things *worthy* of record. This then is the appro-

priate place, because southern Lancaster County has given to the world more than its quota of those who have made and are truly making history.

One mile from where we stand, Dr. David Ramsey was born. He has been termed the father of American history. He gave us a history of the American Revolution, of the United States, of South Carolina, his adopted state, a life of George Washington and many other valuable historical works.

William H. Brown, a renowned civil engineer, was born less than two miles from this point; a most important factor for many years, until retired by age limit, in the great Pennsylvania Railroad System, the finest system of railroads in the world today.

In the adjoining township, less than five miles from us, from one of the old substantial families of this section, has gone forth one of our best legal authorities. With a reputation far beyond county and state lines, our state has honored him by calling him to the high and responsible position of one of its supreme judges. I mention no names. Six miles from this point another boy was born whose legal abilities as well as his oratorical powers are known and appreciated far beyond the limits of our county. Neither do I mention any name in this case. It will not be difficult to locate these men.

In the medical profession, too, southern Lancaster County has given men of whom we may be justly proud. Notably among them stands one who has made a world-wide record on account of his medical skill, and especially as a result of his marvelous surgical ability. Dr. John B. Deaver was born five miles from our place of meeting. We have given to the world inventors also. Joseph Fawkes who, among other valuable machines, gave us the steam plow, is a native of Bart Township, Lancaster County.

I could prolong the list, could add a goodly number of others who have honored their day and generation, but it is useless. I believe I have proven my case. I have established the point that this is, of all others, the appropriate place for

such a meeting. But lest there should be a question and the possibility of contradiction, I will add one more name that will settle it beyond dispute.

In the galaxy of stars, as representing the world's notable ones, there appears one so lustrous, so luminous that its light is not, and cannot be, restricted by county, state or national lines, but extends to the four corners of the earth.

One hundred and forty-four years ago, Robert Fulton was born in this house, which through the hospitality and courtesy of the inmates of this home has been thrown open to us to-day. What the world owes to this man is beyond the bounds of reckoning or computation. By his successful application of steam to navigation, commerce and trade have been revolutionized. We are proud to claim him as one of our boys. It is fitting, in the highest degree, that we should stand with uncovered heads and pay tribute and homage to the memory of this illustrious son.

And I know you will support and justify me in claiming that the United States government will be discharging but a small part of its obligation by erecting, at its own expense, a monument of no mean dimension and no mean style, at this his birthplace, as a memorial to the memory of Robert Fulton to whom we as a nation owe so much.

Mr. McSparran then introduced Rev. George Israel Browne, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, of Lancaster, who presented the tablet, which was erected on the eastern side of the house, and on the original portion of the building.

REV. BROWNE'S ADDRESS.

Rev. Browne spoke as follows:

Mr. President, honored descendants of Robert Fulton, dwellers in Lancaster county (and of the "Lower End"):

Good friends, guests and citizens all, in behalf of the Lancaster County Historical Society, and as their spokesman, I present this tablet, to commemorate forever the birthplace of

Robert Fulton, Pennsylvanian, Lancastrian, scientist and inventor, patriot, American, who, early in the development of our nation and era, furnished the people of the earth with the practical use of a mighty power contributing to the advancement of civilization, aiding in the conquest of time and space, for the triumphant navigation of the separating waters, which, on the ocean deep, roll between the habitable continents of men, successfully overcoming all the opposition and vicissitudes of contrary winds and tides.

This tablet is the gift of the Lancaster County Historical Society, a society formed for the purpose of perpetuating the fame of her history and sons with an honorable and useful past, a society with a conscious part to play in the present and future.

It is presented, first in order, to Mr. Joseph Swift, the present owner of this property, who has so genially promoted and favored in every way the plans of this celebration; to the people of Little Britain and Fulton townships, who can both lay claim to the honor of this birthplace; to all pilgrims and students of American history and lovers of our destiny, who shall journey ever afterwards towards this historic spot; to all those whose eyes shall ever, in the future years, rest on this tablet. We give, present and dedicate this statement of fact in bronze, to be a token of man's triumph in the years that are past and a promise and prophecy of the opportunities and victories that await us in the years to come. On the long roll of finders, discoverers, inventors, of all those who lead us onward, shall ever stand in honorable and significant prominence the name of Robert Fulton, who, on this spot, first saw the light of earth, dreamed the dreams, and saw the visions of his earliest boyhood.

In the name of the Lancaster County Historical Society, I present this tablet to mark the birthplace of Robert Fulton.

THE UNVEILING.

Following Rev. Browne's presentation, the memorial was unveiled by Mrs. Alice Crary Sutcliffe, a great-granddaughter of Fulton, and his biographer.

MR. HENSEL ACCEPTS MEMORIAL.

Following the unveiling, Hon. W. U. Hensel, in an eloquent speech, accepted the tablet on behalf of Mr. Joseph Swift, owner of the property, on behalf of the descendants of Fulton and on behalf of the people of southern Lancaster County. Mr. Hensel spoke as follows:

On behalf of the kinsfolk and descendants of Robert Fulton, who have journeyed here from distant states, the guests of the people of the county in which he was born, I voice their grateful appreciation of the honors this day paid to their illustrious ancestor. For the family in whose name the title to this, his birthplace, has rested continuously for nigh a century and a half, I accept the custodianship of this fit memorial of his birth and works. For the people of lower Lancaster County, who are the trustees of his fame, I accept it; and in their name I thank the Historical Society and all who have contributed to the success of this celebration.

With modesty its donors have inscribed upon it the classic legend of rare fitness, that without monument future generations would know him; for though the glowing canvas fade and bronze crumble, wind and wave and sea and sky shall testify to all the ages to come of him, who, born in this house, first successfully established steam navigation.

It is a significant fact that now, just as popular attention the world over is fixed upon the keen rivalry for the conquest of the air and the keener struggle for the honor of first circum-navigating the polar seas, there should be unrolling the splendid pageant which marks the progress of the steamship since this son of Lancaster, a little over a century ago, achieved his final triumph on the shores of the Hudson.

It was only the culmination of a useful life, full of good works, all and always directed by patriotic impulse toward the betterment of mankind and the advancement of civilization. Generations before English and American statesmen had announced the doctrine that, to maintain tranquility, nations must be prepared for war, he proclaimed that to avert its dangers a constructive system of waterways and a destructive system of torpedoes were the surest agencies of peace.

More skillful hands than mine will sketch his portrait and more tuneful voices sing Fulton's praise; but it is a reflection calculated to arouse a too dormant state pride that four of the most celebrated Americans who went to Europe during the last quarter of the eighteenth century and the first quarter of the nineteenth—Benjamin Franklin, Benjamin West, Lindley Murray and Robert Fulton—were all Pennsylvanians, and that two of them, Murray and Fulton, were born within the limits of Lancaster County.

Nor shall I be censured for undue recognition of class or section if I remind this audience that Robert Fulton and his forebears were of that stout and sturdy stock who for two centuries have chiefly given character to this locality—a race of men and women who feared God and feared no man, and the richness of whose soil has never yet equalled the wealth of their spiritual freedom and of their intellectual independence.

Mr. Hensel referred to the movement to have a Congressional appropriation for the erection of a statue to Fulton at his birthplace, to the fact that David Ramsey—who achieved great fame in South Carolina as a physician, statesman and historian—was born within a mile of Fulton House; and South Carolina and Pennsylvania should unite to erect a memorial to him; and to the presence of William H. Brown, late of the Pennsylvania Railroad, one of the great civil engineers of the world, who was also born within a mile of the same place.

“Right fit it is, therefore, that on this festal day, and here, the graphic and plastic arts, science and religion, poetry and

music, should, with voice of praise, acclaim his worth and hang their garlands on his shrine."

A POEM BY W. F. McSPARRAN.

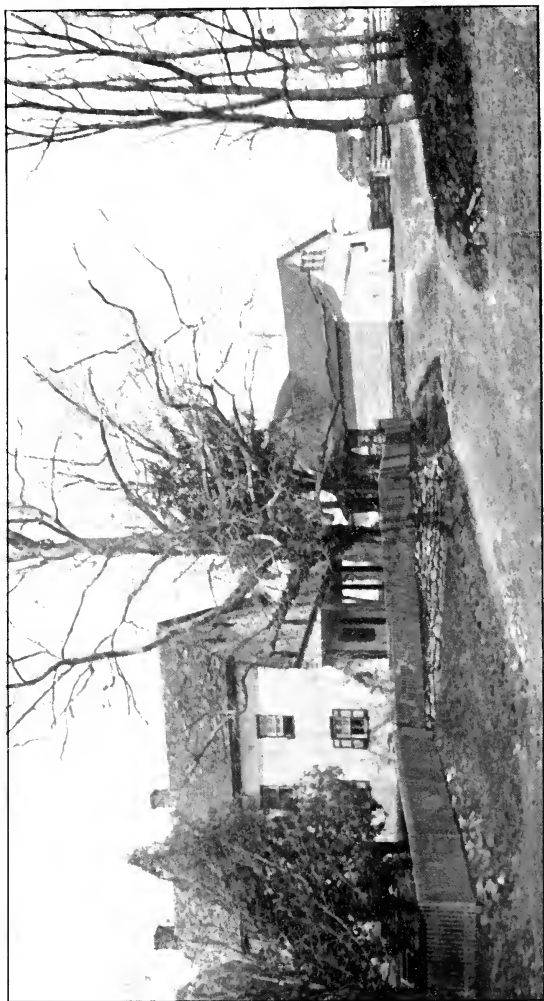
Mr. Hensel's speech of acceptance was followed by the reading of the following original poem by Mr. W. F. McSparan, of Drumore, who read it as follows:

ROBERT FULTON.

The plow that turns our furrows its harvest tribute brings,
The ocean plow that far and wide its billowy furrow flings.
From busy fields and homes we come, we people of the soil,
To offer here what we may give of frankincense and oil
Unto the memory of the boy who in this farmstead dreamed
Of time to come when down the seas unnumbered vessels steamed
To every port that men would seek, in trade's triumphant quest,
All supercargued with the good our nation proves is best.
We come from every hill and dale. No sect, no clan is here—
Just neighbors met, bid by a call to souls of patriots clear.
Our Conowingo sings to-day to wood and countryside
The name that conquers every wave and every ocean tide;
It sings a nation's hundred years, a century's meaning found
In this memorial day men give to our historic ground;
To fertile fields, to meadow-lands it murmurs as it goes
To tell in Susquehanna's ear the gladness that it knows;
Of ships that come, of ships that go, of harbor and of shore,
It sings contralto to the bass of ocean's mighty roar.
It sings of peace, it has no note for armored fleets' alarms—
How out of place were such down here among our homes and farms!
To us it sings, from yonder bank—God grant its songs ne'er cease!
May nations learn from Fulton's home the beatitudes of peace!

AN INSPIRING SPECTACLE.

The spectacle while this program was being carried out was inspiring in the extreme. The porch, the strip of lawn before it, the broad roadway with its commons off to the left and the open space beyond the highway were all crowded with



THE BIRTHPLACE OF ROBERT FULTON.
By courtesy of Hugh R. Fulton, Esq.

happy spectators. The crowd numbered thousands and spread out to the right and left. Boys climbed up to the roof of the pump-house, girls and women crowded on the opposite porch, many perched on fences and trees and filled all the coveted vantage places to see and hear. The school children massed in the immediate front of the crowd heightened the impressive scene. The Little Britain Orchestra gave a preliminary program of splendid music; and the Oakryn Band interspersed and closed the forenoon program with several of our noble national songs, enriched and embellished with variations.

THE MEMORIAL TABLETS.

As the program of the morning closed the eager thousands filed by the corner of the old stone house, upon which the tablets had just been unveiled, to view and admire them. There are two tablets. The one, immediately above the other, on the east wall of the house, first floor, protected by the porch from weather, is of dark bronze, bearing a mural bust in low relief of Fulton, about sixteen inches square, mounted upon oak and the whole bolted and cemented into the wall. About the circular edge of the raised bronze work surrounding the head of Fulton is a fitting legend.

It was the work of Tiffany's artists in New York.

The other tablet is in the form of a conventional shield and is of bronze, of about the same dimensions as the one just mentioned. The accompanying cut fully describes it. It was designed and drawn by Miss Mary T. Magee who kindly presented the design to the society. The plaster paris cast was modeled by John A. Weitzel and Fred P. Mentzer, the engraver. The bronze cast was made at the brass foundry of J. Walter Miller, under the direction of Mr. Weitzel.

At the top is a representation of the Clermont, in raised work, and below is the following inscription:

CLERMONT ROBERT FULTON 1807
HERE, ON NOVEMBER 14, 1765, WAS BORN
ROBERT FULTON,
INVENTOR,
WHO ON THE WATERS OF THE HUDSON,
AUGUST 11, 1807, FIRST SUCCESSFULLY
APPLIED STEAM TO THE PURPOSES
OF NAVIGATION. AT THIS PLACE HE SPENT
THE FIRST YEARS OF HIS LIFE.
WITHOUT A MONUMENT FUTURE GENERATIONS WOULD KNOW HIM.
ERECTED BY THE LANCASTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
AT THE CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF HIS ACHIEVEMENT, SEPTEMBER, 1909.

The background is in matted work, while the lettering is on a highly-polished plate. It is a handsome production, and reflects great credit upon those who produced it.

THE AFTERNOON EXERCISES.

The crowd was greatly increased by the time the afternoon exercises were opened. These were held in Frank C. Pyle's meadow, along the Conowingo, a short distance from Fulton House. The speakers' stand was unique. It was built to represent the Clermont, and was handsomely decorated with with flags. The speakers and Fulton's relatives sat in chairs in the saloon beneath the awning, and as each one spoke he ascended by a hatchway to the deck over the cabin.

The cut on page 210 will give a more accurate and distinct notion of the stand.

A BOUNTEOUS REPAST SERVED.

After the immense audience had feasted at the tables across the Conowingo, which were filled with a bounteous repast, and all had enjoyed to the utmost the great natural beauties of the scene, the afternoon exercises were opened by several stirring selections by the band, after which Governor Stuart made a short address felicitating the people of Lancaster County on



The Memorial Tablet.

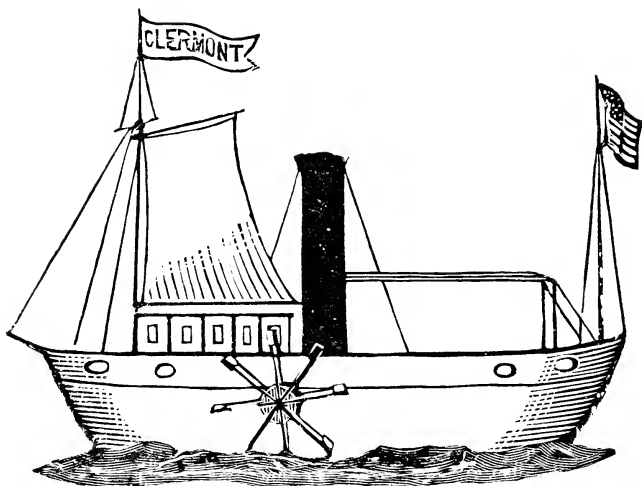
their display of pride and gratitude and on the immense outpouring of its citizens to honor the event.

GOV. STUART INTRODUCED.

As Mr. McSparran introduced Governor Stuart, by a prearrangement smoke began to be issued out of the smoke stack

of the "Clermont" and a hoarse steamboat whistle began to blow, in a low deep tone, giving a very natural effect to the steamboat idea.

As the Governor mounted the upper deck from which the speaking took place there was loud and prolonged applause from the solid mass of humanity about him on all sides. The Governor's speech was full of "Pennsylvanianism." He was



The Speakers' Stand.

there to show to the relatives of Fulton present from New York as well as elsewhere and to announce to the public press and thus to the people of America and of the world, that Pennsylvania claims Fulton, even though he moved to New York at seventeen years of age. He thought out his principles while here, he did that part of his work here in studying and experimenting, without which what he did afterwards in New York

could not be a success at all. We gave him to the world as truly as did New York.

He made the point that Fulton considered himself as a Pennsylvanian even when he was working at the preliminaries of the "Clermont" and that the articles of agreement between Fulton and Livingston, with whose assistance he built the vessel, style him as Robert Fulton of Pennsylvania.

The last point made by the Governor was that nothing could induce Fulton to sell to foreign nations any of the patent rights or other advantages of his inventions which might be of national advantage or defense to his own country, the United States. He would rather no one should have that advantage, than that European nations should have it and we, not. He instanced that Fulton said not for 20,000 pounds a year as long as he lived would he give to European powers any of the inventions, especially of war and destruction, which he invented so as to deprive our nation of them. The Governor concluded by drawing a patriotic lesson from this noble attitude of Fulton and very impressively urged all present, to be of like high patriotism in these selfish grasping days. Prolonged applause greeted the concluding sentence of his Excellency's address.

JOHN RUSSEL HAYES'S POEM.

At the conclusion of Governor Stuart's address, John Russel Hayes, a native of Fulton Township, now librarian of Swarthmore College, read an original poem, "The Heaven-Gifted Boy," as follows:

In Little Britain, close by old Drumore
And Conowingo's waters silvery-clear
That sing among these hills and drowsy fields—
Upon a day of mystery and dream
And peaceful country calm—was born a boy
Gifted by God and destined in his time
To knock at Fame's high portals, yea, to lift
This wayside hamlet into bright renown

And make old Fulton House a name to ring
Across the centuries. To-day he sleeps
Beside the stately Hudson, where the noise
Of endless traffic surges evermore
'Round Trinity's most venerable shrine.
—More fit I think it were he rested here
In some lone country grave-yard's peaceful shade,
Lulled by the songs of bird and country streams,
'Mid these dear fields his earliest childhood knew.

It was a day of mystery and dream.
When he was born, by Conowingo's banks;
Its peace and stillness filled the joyous house,
Its peace and stillness flowed along the veins
And 'round the warm heart of that winsome child—
Grave Mystery, that in the ripening years
Should fill his deep, dark eyes with wonderment,
And harmonize his moods with Nature's own—
With winds that stir the leaves of solemn oaks,
With flow of river waters, songs of waves,
And endless chanting of the little streams
That wind and wander through these tranquil fields.

Those quiet country hours so beauteous
With golden peace and charm filled his young heart
With magic Dream, whose strange enchanting force
In boyhood's budding years and youth's rich hours
Should ripen fancy's blooms and wake to life
Imagination's seed—a glorious gift—
Promise of harvest and immortal fruit!

Heaven-gifted boy—how he would feed his thought
In day-long wanderings and lonely strolls
Through yonder meadows 'round old Lancaster—
His youthful home—or here in Little Britain,
When summer holidays had called the lad
For happy hours on Conowingo's banks!
Far up and down this fair enchanting stream,
Among these woods and by these peaceful farms,
In Little Britain and in dear Drumore,
He roamed delightedly; oft would he pause
By fairy waterfalls to hear their song
And muse upon the sweeping current's force;

Or on the smooth, deep stretches he would sail
His tiny boats for many a summer hour;
Or 'mid the dusty air of stream-side mills
Would watch the great wheel turning steadily
In green twilight 'mid dripping moss and fern.
And farther roaming, as I think, he sat
High on the slopes of Susquehanna's hills
To meditate and muse upon the power
And noble splendor of that lordly stream
Winding far down between the emerald hills
'Mid "river islands that in clusters lie
As beautiful as clouds." *—O who may tell
What unsuspected strength and high resolve
He gathered from the sight and from the thought
Of that majestic and mysterious stream!

From Indian waters of melodious name—
From Conowingo and great Susquehanna,
From Octorara's wild, romantic stream,
And Conestoga, where he first essayed
The art that was to make his name renowned—
From these and from old Lancaster County's farms
And woods and wayside smithies and old mills,
No less than from yon neighboring city's shops,
Her forges and her foundries, did he build
His lore, his craft, his high-aspiring art,
This Heaven-gifted boy; and when the hour
Was ripe for harvesting his spirit's fruit,
How noble his achievement, how superb
His victory, how splendid his account
Of gifts wherewith he had been dowered from heaven!

Yea, Mystery and Dream had guided him;
The eager youth obeyed their kindly law
And followed where they pointed to the stars.
—So did he lift this hamlet to renown,
This quiet village by the silver stream
Of Conowingo, winding through these fields;
So did he make old, well-loved Fulton House
A name to echo through uncounted years.

* Lloyd Mifflin.

FULTON'S FAVORITE SONG PLAYED.

The band then played "Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonny Doon," one of Fulton's favorites, which was well received and applauded.

ADDRESS BY GEORGE B. JOHNSON, ESQ.

George B. Johnson, Esq., of the Chester County Bar, was then introduced and gave an interesting historical talk. He thanked the Lancaster County Society for the beautiful setting they had provided for the celebration, and their kindness in inviting sister societies to the exercises. He spoke of the close relationship existing between Chester and Lancaster counties and their constant neighborliness. Fulton was described as the first hero whose labors sought to affect the world's peace. Among the early traditions of his youth are those that have been handed down by Caleb Johnson, one of his teachers. He spoke of him as a dreamy youth. He excelled in mathematics, but he said to his teacher on one occasion that his head was so full of original ideas that he had no time to pore over the contents of dusty books. When rapped over the knuckles for some breach of discipline he retorted to his teacher: "Sir, I came here to have something knocked into my head, not my knuckles." In William Henry's gun shop in Lancaster he learned to be a draughtsman and the art of gunmaking. During the dark days of the Revolution, Robert saw the posted proclamation that candles should not be used on the Fourth of July. He immediately got busy with explosives and card-board, and told his friends that he intended to shoot his candles into the air. When informed that such an invention was impossible, he replied that nothing was impossible.

An admiring world crowns Fulton as the inventor of the first steamboat, and Lancaster and Chester counties are entitled to all the credit for that origination. In 1763 William Henry constructed the first steamboat on the Conestoga, but the engine was too big for the craft, and it was sunk. As a

philosophical proposition Henry showed that his idea was practical, and Fulton developed it. He became the great engineer and canal builder of the world. He was more than a great inventor. He was a patriot, prophet and a seer. He was still a young man when death overtook him, but he had passed through two wars, and in his later years his controlling motive was to overcome the aggressions of England. He regarded it as the one thing against which his country needed defense. He invented and first perfected the torpedoes and submarine boats, and demonstrated them in the harbors of England and France. When the British admiralty sought to purchase the patents Fulton replied that twenty thousand pounds per year for the remainder of his life would not be sufficient inducement to persuade him to deprive his country of his inventions. Fulton, therefore, became not only the conqueror of the world's wilderness and its aggressions, but of its peace.

ASSEMBLAGE MEMORIALIZES CONGRESS.

As appropriate to the time and the occasion, Mr. Hensel offered the following preamble and resolution, which were read to the audience and adopted by an unanimous vote:

“Whereas, A bill has been presented in the Congress of the United States by Representative W. W. Grist, of Lancaster County, the Ninth Congressional District of the State of Pennsylvania, appropriating thirty thousand dollars for the erection of a memorial to Robert Fulton in commemoration of said Fulton's ingenious and scientific application of steam to the propulsion of boats; and,

“Whereas, Said bill proposes that the design and construction of said memorial shall be in commemoration of the centennial of Robert Fulton's historic achievement: and,

“Whereas, Such memorial is to be erected in the county and state in which Robert Fulton was born and educated. Now therefore, be it

“Resolved, by the Lancaster County Historical Society and citizens assembled at the birthplace of the inventor, in celebration of the centenary of his distinguished services, That the Congress of the United States be memorialized and earnestly urged to enact, during the Sixty-first Congress, the bill referred to in the preamble of this resolution.”

EULOGY OF LLOYD MIFFLIN.

The exquisite sonnets written especially for the celebration by Lloyd Mifflin were read by Mr. Hensel amid an impressive silence. In prefacing the lines, Mr. Hensel remarked that it is sometimes said of Pennsylvania that she is given too largely to the material and has failed to distinguish herself in letters, literature and thought, and yet he ventured the assertion that the first living master of English verse is not only a Pennsylvanian, but a native of Lancaster county, Lloyd Mifflin.

Mr. Mifflin was unable to be present, but his lines were read by Mr. Hensel in a manner that brought out what he himself described as their “superb literary quality and matchless melody.”

The sonnets follow:

ROBERT FULTON.

1765-1815.

I.

A child of Lancaster, upon this land,
 Here was he born, by Conowingo's shade;
 Along these banks our youthful Fulton strayed,
 Dreaming of Art. Then Science touched his hand,
 Leading him onward, when, beneath her wand,
 Wonders appeared that now shall never fade:
 He triumphed o'er the Winds, and swiftly made
 The giant, Steam, subservient to command.

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REPLICA OF THE STATUE IN STATUARY HALL, IN THE
CAPITOL BUILDING AT WASHINGTON.
Erected by the State of Pennsylvania.

How soft the sunlight lies upon the lea
 Around his home, where boyhood days were sped!
 These checkered shadows on the fading grass
 Symbol his fortunes, as they fleeting pass:
 "He did mankind a service"—could there be
 A tribute more ennobling to the dead!

II.

Time-honored son, whose memory we revere,
 Around the wondering earth thy lustrous name
 Shone in old days, a sudden star of Fame!
 Nor is that glamour dimmed. No leaves are sere
 Among thy laurels. Deeper seems, each year,
 Thy priceless benefaction. Let them crown
 Thy great achievement with deserved renown,
 Who reap the guerdon of thy rich career!

Long hast thou passed the dark Lethean stream,
 Yet who but envies that illustrious sleep?
 Though thou are dust, yet vital is thy Dream:
 The waves of all the world still chaunt of thee:
 Thy soul pervades the Ship, and wings the Deep—
 Thy spirit is immortal on the sea!
 NORWOOD, Sept. 15, 1909.

The entire audience then sang "Old Folks at Home," led by the band, which all enjoyed very much.

EX-GOVERNOR PENNYPACKER'S ADDRESS.

Then the historical address of the day was delivered by ex-Governor Pennypacker. His great historical learning is universally acknowledged and all ranks of the assemblage joined in a tumultuous applause upon his appearance before them.

On an historical occasion ex-Governor Pennypacker is a conspicuous figure because of his high attainments in the line of original research, especially with regard to the history of Pennsylvania. With the melodious words of Mifflin still lingering in the air he was impelled in the first place to also pay a eulogy to the poet. He wondered whether the people of

Lancaster County realized the heights he has attained. By some he has been compared to Spencer and Petrarch, and even to Shakespeare. Lancaster County, he proceeded, is pre-eminent in many ways. Every man wants to be a farmer. They may start out to follow some other pursuit, but if they live long enough they eventually get back to the land. The first man who lived on the earth had a garden of fruit trees, and the second man tilled the soil. Now, of all the counties in this great country, Lancaster leads in the way of agriculture. There was once an American artist who reached the highest position then attainable in his profession when he painted "The Death of Wolf." In his early days this artist came to Lancaster to paint the portraits of her people. He afterwards went to England and became the president of the Royal Society and the first friend and patron of Robert Fulton. You have had many men of force and ability. In the Congress of the United States from the time of its first presiding officer, Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, to Joseph G. Cannon, there was just one man who, when he occupied a seat in that body, held more power than any man in the Government, and that man was a citizen of your county. There was likewise another, a statesman, a member of Congress, of the United States Senate, a Secretary of State, Minister to England, and the only President of the United States from Pennsylvania, and he, too, was a resident of Lancaster County. At that time we abused him because he didn't stop that great war, but we now concede that no man could have stopped it. We live in an age when everyone is on the move. In the early days transportation was conducted in your Conestoga wagons. Then came the great railroads, and to-day the nations of the world are building Dreadnoughts and striving for supremacy on the sea. Back of it all depends the control of commerce, but no nation could have built a navy had it not been for that distinguished son of Pennsylvania to whom we do honor to-day, Robert Fulton, of Lancaster County.

The speech-making was closed with brief remarks by Prof.

George Morris Phillips, President of the Chester County Historical Society and President of the West Chester State Normal School, who extended hearty greetings from the neighboring county.

Chairman McSparran then proposed a vote of thanks to the Lancaster County Historical Society, which was heartily given, and the memorable occasion was brought to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

There was a decided appropriateness in the singing by the great audience of Stephen C. Foster's ever popular song, "Way Down Upon the Suwanee River." Foster was a native of Pittsburg, but frequently visited Lancaster county, his sister having been the wife of Rev. Dr. Buchanan, stationed at Paradise. Dr. Buchanan was a brother of President Buchanan and of Mrs. A. J. Cassatt. A few years back a monument was erected by citizens of Pittsburg to Foster's memory, at a cost of \$10,000, and it is an interesting and not generally known fact that the movement for the erection of this monument had its inception in Lancaster city, on the occasion of the visit of a number of prominent Pittsburgers. The subject came up during the course of conversation and a prominent Lancastrian made the first subscription of \$100.

A COUPLET TO ROBERT F.

The following couplet was written by Mrs. Mary N. Robinson and added to the verses of "Auld Lang Syne."

So here's a health to Robert F!
The man who harness'd steam;
For on this date we celebrate
His deeds of auld lang syne.

THE CROWD WELL HANDLED.

It was an extraordinary day for the Lancaster, Oxford and Southern Railroad. They were compelled to press into service their entire equipment and the tax on their resources, al-

though heavy, was well discharged. They handled the biggest crowds in their history, ran all of their trains, both special and regular, on the schedules as previously announced, and the day passed without the least mishap.

VISITORS ENTERTAINED.

The special guests of honor, Governor Stuart and a few personal friends, were subsequently entertained by Hon. W. U. Hensel at the home of his mother, in Quarryville. A delightful hour was passed before farewells were said, and one of the most notable functions ever held in Lancaster County, one that will live for years in the memory of the participants, was over. The New York party of Fulton descendants returned the same evening, very much delighted and gratified with their experience, and all of them have acknowledged the courtesies received in communications expressing their highest commendation of the exercises, and their gratitude for their hospitable entertainment.

LOCAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

The local committee on reception of Southern End residents was composed of the following:

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McSparran, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Swift, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Pyle, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Zell, Mr. and Mrs. William Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Paxson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McSparran, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Herr, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ambler, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. King, Mr. and Mrs. Day Wood, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McSparran, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gatchell, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Bradley, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Peeples, Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Hess, Dr. and Mrs. Ambrose Stubbs, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bicknell, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Runner, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Drennen, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ankrum, Mr.



ROBERT FULTON AND THE "CLERMONT."

and Mrs. Neal Hambleton, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Pyle, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. William Black, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gregg, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fairlamb, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Greenleaf, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Ankrim, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Penny, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ambler, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hensel, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Harkness, Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Maule, Mr. and Mrs. Galen Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Herr, Mr. and Mrs. James Deaver, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Leander Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stively, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert J. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. J. Long, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Brown, Miss Matilda Harry, Miss Adaline Ewing, Lewis J. Kirk, Miss Kirk, L. R. Swift, T. C. Evans and Clarence Boyd.

THE HISTORICAL EXHIBIT.

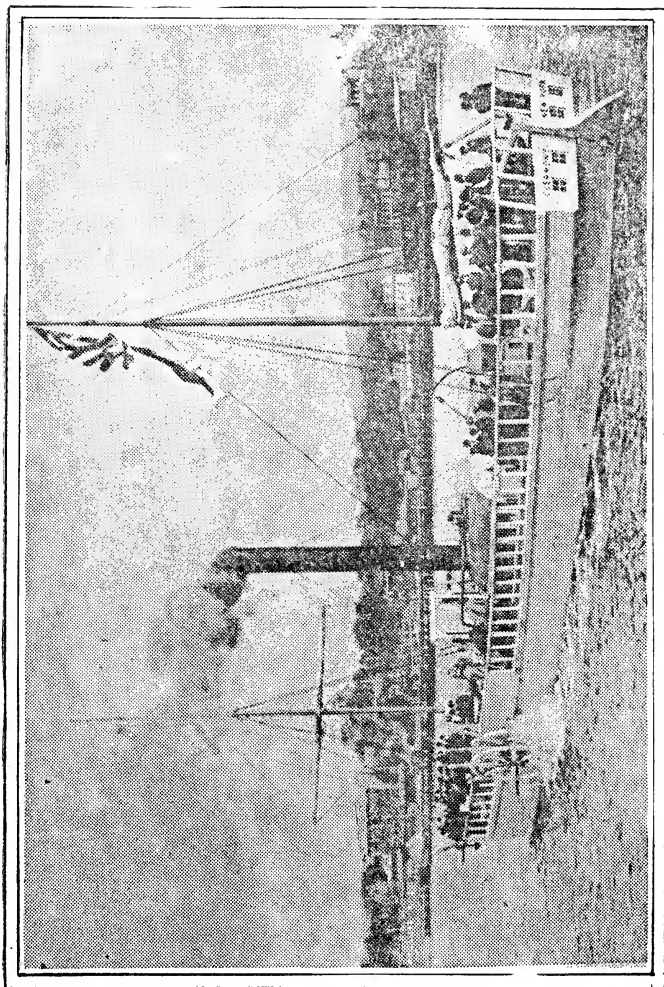
The "Exhibit" mentioned above, in charge of H. Frank Eshleman, Esq., was large, attractive and instructive, and so displayed that all could view and examine it without any inconvenience of crowding. All day, from morning until the end of the exercises, the people were passing and repassing before it, showing great interest in subjects, pictures and copies of original letters of Fulton not generally seen or known.

Parents instructed their children upon the points of the display and in many instances children enlightened their parents; several thousand people examined it and many took notes from the same for future reference and use.

The chief features of this "Fultoniana" were as follows:

Facsimile of Robert Fulton's tomb in Trinity Churchyard, New York; picture of the old Fulton homestead, from Reigart; different post-card pictures of the homestead; picture of the home in a circular turned out in 1904 by Hugh R. Fulton,

Esq.; lithograph of the old homestead, designed by John H. Sherwin, in colors; "Fulton's Torpedo Blowing Up a Ship," from Reigart; Fulton's boat applied to tug purposes; the Fulton east-iron Viaduct; "Fulton's Paddle Boat on the Conestoga;" plan of Fulton's next paddle boat in 1793; enlarged copy of the Clermont; post cards of the Clermont; plan of the reproduced Clermont by the Hudson-Fulton Commission; steel engraving of Robert Fulton, published by Wilson & Co., New York, and of Benjamin West's portrait of Robert Fulton; engravings and half tone prints of Vanderlyn's painting of Fulton; Fulton painted by himself; bust of Fulton by Houdon; picture of R. R. Livingstone, Fulton's great friend; caricature of Fulton's torpedo boat in the shape of a devil fish, dated 1811; lithograph of Fulton and Hudson; the first time table of the Fulton boat; plans of Fulton's submarine boats and torpedoes in position; cut of Fulton's inclined planes; series of improvements on the Clermont, represented by seventeen boats up to 1816; the "Clermont," from Reigart; picture of Fulton's first conception of a steamboat (dreaming out the invention); photographic copy of letters of Robert Fulton's father; "John Fitch's Boat," from Reigart; an enlarged drawing of Fitch's paddle boat and Oliver Evans' steam wagon and boat, enlarged from Watson's, by J. Harold Geiszel, of Lancaster; copies of the unpublished letters of Fulton, from the Dreer collection of the Historical Society of Philadelphia, as follows: One concerning the attempt of a Mr. Stevens to infringe on Fulton; one on the organization of steamboat companies and on the price of boats; one suggesting to Oliver Evans that he and Evans shall remain friends; one on his becoming bail for an insolvent debted mechanic; one to President Washington on Internal Canals for America; a statement of William Henry's attempts at steamboat making, prior to Fulton; a statement of prominent facts about Fulton's father and the Fulton farm; the Fulton medal issued by the Fulton National Bank of Lancaster; the Fulton medal of 1858, issued by the



Replica of the "Clermont" Steaming Up the Hudson.

Fulton institute of Lancaster; replica of the Fulton statue in the rotunda at Washington; Bible belonging to Fulton's grandmother, exhibited by Mrs. Whiteside; supposed model made by Fulton, by Louis Kirk; a picture of David Ramsey's birthplace.

One of the interesting exhibits in the collection was the following:

LANCASTER COUNTY'S TITLE TO THE FIRST THOUGHT OF
AND EFFORT IN STEAMBOAT NAVIGATION.

"1. Mr. Jordan, the Librarian of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, has shown me a letter written by a man, either from New York or Ohio, in which the writer says that a man by the name of Peter Whiteside was the first to invent a steam propelled boat, that he made an experiment with his boat on the Schuylkill River fifteen years before the trip of the "Clermont" on the Hudson. This would have been in the year 1792. The letter also states that Whiteside's experiment proved a failure, the boat sinking up the Schuylkill, and the inventor then said, "It won't work; anybody that wants the d—d thing can have it." The letter also intimates that an offer to sell the boat to the government was also unsuccessful.

2. Even if this were true, Lancaster County is still twenty-nine years ahead of that event, because all histories on the subject admit that William Henry, of Lancaster, in the year 1763 constructed a boat fitted up with paddle wheels and that he was in communication with James Watt, inventor of the steam engine concerning this, about that date. A part of the records of the American Philosophical Society amply bears this out. (See Mrs. Sutcliffe's book, pp. 31 and 32.)

3. Therefore, as far as Lancaster County's priority is concerned, she, in her inventive citizen, William Henry, was prior to Fitch and Evans and any other inventor; and in Robert Fulton was prior, in the successful application of steam to steamboats, to any other person also."

H. FRANK ESHLEMAN.

LETTERS OF REGRET AND ACCEPTANCE.

Letters were received by the committee from a number of prominent persons, most of which will be bound in book form. Among those writing either their acceptances or regrets that are better known were: Governor Edwin S. Stuart, Governor

Austin L. Crothers, Hon. M. Hampton Todd, Mrs. Alice Ferre Todd, Hon. John Wanamaker, Hon. J. Hampton Moore, George F. Baer, Dr. Geo. M. Phillips, Barr Ferree, Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies, Delaware County Historical Society, Berks County Historical Society, Lehigh County Historical Society, American Art Society, Mrs. Alice Crary Sutcliffe, Edward C. Camman, H. H. Camman, Cornelia Fulton Crary, Chas. H. Crary, Amy Crary, Hon. Theo. K. Stubbs, Lewis K. Stubbs, and many others.

WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES.

An idea of the amount of work done by the various sub-committees can be formed from the following abstracts from their reports to the main committee:

The committee on invitation, Miss Martha B. Clark, chairman, sent out 520 cards, 100 postals and many letters, and gave much encouragement to the attendance in many other ways; being also a veritable bureau of information on all the phases of the celebration.

The Finance Committee collected by voluntary subscriptions from Geo. Steinman, W. U. Hensel, J. D. Landis, W. N. Appel, H. Frank Eshleman, C. F. Rengier, W. W. Griest, I. H. Weaver, Jas. Rose, J. U. Fritchey, F. B. McClain, J. Hay Brown, W. T. Brown, Dr. Jno. L. Atlee, B. C. Atlee, C. F. Hager, G. Ross Eshleman, J. P. McCaskey, Morris Zook, J. P. Breneman, W. M. Franklin, E. G. Smith, H. S. Williamson, E. O. Lyte, F. R. Diffenderffer, James Kelly, Horace L. Skiles and S. D. Bausman, the sum of \$220.00.

Contributions received as above	\$220.00	
Received from sale of programme	27.74	
Received from sale privileges	20.08	\$267.74

CONTRA.

Tiffany tablet	\$25.00	
Wheatland Hotel, entertainment guests	20.00	
The New Era Printing Co., printing 1,100 souvenirs	52.46	
D. B. Landis, printing badges	7.45	
Quarryville Sun, printing bills	3.50	
J. D. Rider, printing invitations	9.00	
G. W. Killian, photos	2.50	
Martha B. Clark, postage	10.40	
Jas. Gray and others, labor on grounds	21.25	
D. F. Magee, sundry expenses, stamps, tele- phoning, livery hire, car fares	12.38	
Parker B. Shank, lumber bill	25.79	\$189.73

COST OF TABLET.

Jno. A. Weitzel, pattern and finish	\$25.00	
Fred P. Mentzer, lettering pattern	20.00	
B. S. Buckwalter, machining, etc.	6.75	
J. Walter Miller Co., bronze casting	17.45	\$69.20
Total expenditure	\$258.93	\$258.93
Balance in hand		\$8.81

The work of the Reception Committee and various other committees appears in the above general report of the exercises as they were conducted during the day.

MEMBERS ATTEND NEW YORK CELEBRATION.

The following members of the Society attended the New York Fulton-Hudson Celebration, as official delegates of this Society and made individual reports: George Steinman, Rev. G. I. Browne, D. F. Magee, Esq., C. B. Hollinger and Jno. L. Summy.

DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT FULTON.

“Robert Fulton married on Thursday (at New York) January 8, 1808, to Harriet Livingston.

Their children were:

- I. Robert Barlow Fulton. Died, unmarried, at an early age.

NOTE.—There are no descendants of Robert Fulton who bear his surname.

- II. Julia Fulton, married Charles Bright, Esq., of Philadelphia. She died in 1848, leaving three children: Charles, Robert Fulton and Mary. All these died without issue; the widow of Robert Fulton Blight surviving.*
- III. Cornelia Livingston Fulton, married Edward Charles Crary, Esq., of New York city. They were married by the Rev. Gardiner Spring, D.D., at the residence of Mortimer Livingston, Esq., New York city, June 20, 1831. Their children were:
 - a. Reverend Robert Fulton Crary, D.D., married in Trinity Chapel, New York, Agnes Boyd Van Kleeck, daughter of the Rev. Robert Boyd Van Kleeck, D.D. Their children are:

Amy,* Cornelia Fulton, Alice,* Edith Livingston (Smith) and Robert Fulton Crary, Jr.*

- b. Edward Charles Crary, died unmarried.
- c. Ella Cornelia Crary,* married at Trinity Chapel, New York, Herman H. Cammann,* Esq., of New York. Their children are:
Edward Crary Cammann* and H. Schuyler Cammann.*
- d. Charles Franklin Crary,* unmarried, resides at Merrick, Long Island.
- IV. Mary Livingston Fulton, married Robert Ludlow, Esq. They had one son:
Robert Fulton Ludlow, of Claverack, New York.
- All of which is respectfully submitted by the committee:

D. F. MAGEE,
Chairman,
WALTER M. FRANKLIN,
Secretary,
A. K. HOSTETTER,
Treasurer,
W. U. HENSEL,
MARY N. ROBINSON,
R. M. REILLY,
H. FRANK ESHLEMAN,
MARTHA B. CLARK,
REV. G. I. BROWNE,
DR. JOS. H. DUBBS,
GEORGE STEINMAN,

Robert Fulton Centenary Committee.

* Present and participating in this celebration.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING.

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 12, 1909.

The Lancaster County Historical Society held its regular October meeting this evening in its quarters in the Smith Free Library Building, the session having been postponed from the regular evening owing to the Hudson-Fulton celebration in New York. There was a fair attendance of the members. President Steinman presided.

The librarian announced the following contributions during the month:

Library of Congress, Kohl collection of maps; Bureau of Ethnology, Mesa Verde National Park antiquities; American Historical Association, Annual Report, 2 Vols., Second Volume containing the early "Texas Diplomatic Correspondence; Reminiscences of One Hundred Years, 1809-1909, of the Small firm, York; Schuylkill County Historical Society, Vol. 2, No. 4; American Philosophical Society, May-August, 1909; local post cards from D. B. Landis; Robert Fulton's Birthplace, view September 21, 1909; Conestoga River, from Media Hill; mills at Eden, on Conestoga.

Miss Anna Eberly, of this city, and James Blair Moore, of Quarryville, R. F. D. No. 1, were elected to membership, and the applications of the following received: James Rose, this city; W. George Brooks, Philadelphia; Theodore Diller, Pittsburg; Martin W. Witmer and Jacob L. Landis, this city.

The committee appointed at a previous meeting on the question of a permanent home for the Society reported the matter still under advisement. It is probable that arrangements will be made for the Society to continue holding its meetings in the Library building.

The principal business before the meeting was the presentation of the report of the committee from the Society which

had charge of the centenary exercises held at the birthplace of Robert Fulton. The committee had prepared a most voluminous report, covering every detail of the elaborate exercises, including abstracts of the addresses and a detailed financial statement. The report, which was read by D. F. Magee, Esq., was accepted, and a vote of thanks extended to the committee for its most excellent work. The committee was then discharged.

A vote of thanks was also extended to Miss Mary T. Magee for her work in designing the bronze tablet placed in Fulton House, and also the speaker's stand. The Society also extended its thanks to Frank C. Pyle, in whose meadow part of the celebration was held, and also to Joseph Swift, the owner of Fulton House.

The report of the committee was ordered printed in the Society's pamphlet.

A motion was passed that all numbers of the Society's pamphlets will hereafter be sold for twenty-five cents a copy to non-members. These publications are growing very valuable, and even at the figure to be charged they will be very reasonable.

The paper of the evening was prepared by Rev. S. F. Hotchkin, of Philadelphia, his subject being the "Manheim Museum." It was read by the Librarian, Mr. Steigerwalt.

Mr. D. F. Magee and Rev. George I. Browne, who were two of the duly credited delegates to the Hudson-Fulton celebration in New York, presented interesting verbal reports of the demonstration.

Mr. W. U. Hensel suggested that the annual outings of the Society should be called "Historic Day," and that the members should spend the day at some point of interest in the county.

A number of very handsome medals of the Hudson-Fulton celebration were displayed by Mr. A. K. Hostetter.



Reverse.



Obverse.

The Hudson-Fulton Medal.

PRESENTED WITH A MEDAL.

After the adjournment of the October meeting W. U. Hensel received a communication from Hon. James M. Beck, of the Hudson-Fulton Commission in New York, communicating to the Historical Society that at a meeting of the Commission it had been decided to present to the Lancaster County Historical Society one of the ten memorial medals of the New York celebration. It was accordingly transmitted to the Society through Mr. Hensel, and the officers made due acknowledgment thereof. The conferring of this medal was a great distinction, as replicas of it were presented only to the most notable scientific and historical bodies of the country, such as the Smithsonian Institution, the Stevens Institute, etc.

The medal was exhibited in the window of A. Rhoads' jewelry store for a week or so, and attracted a great deal of attention. The following is a brief description of it:

The medal is of solid silver, weighing fourteen ounces. The reverse is devoted to the Fulton observance. It is treated with a classical design, consisting of three seated, draped female figures. The central figure holds in her lap a model of the Clermont. The figure on her right rests one hand on another, representing Commerce, while the figure at her left holds a pen and scroll representing History. Upon a tablet in the central background between two columns is a portrait of Fulton, made after Benjamin West's painting, and surrounded by a wreath. At the bottom of the medal is the legend: "First use of steam in navigation on the Hudson river, 1807."

The obverse is indicative of the Hudson observance, the main feature being a representation of the sailors of the Half Moon watching the heaving of the lead.

